GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Nepal have mutually agreed to modify the existing extradition treaty;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes.

(b) An extradition treaty,concluded on October 2,1953,is currently in force between India and Nepal.A need to revise this treaty had been felt as the treaty had proved to be inadequate in view of changes in the nature of crime and revised international norms of extradition.

(c) The text of a new extradition treaty has been finalised between the two Governments. The new treaty would significantly strengthen the bilateral legal framework to combat cross- border crime and terrorism.The new extradition treaty was initialled in January 2005. It awaits formal signature.